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SUBJECT: ROUNDUP ON RECENT FAR RIGHT DEMONSTRATIONS

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1. SUMMARY : ULTRA- RIGHT DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTED REFTTEL APPEAR TO BE PURPOSEFUL SHOW OF FORCE DESIGNED TO HEAD OFF, HARASS OR DETER ANY EFFORTS BY LIBERALIZERS TO REVIVE CAUTIOUS REFORM MOVEMENT IN SPANISH POLITICAL SYSTEM, SIDETRACKED AFTER 1970 BURGOS TRIALS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MAY 7 DEMONSTRATION FEATURED MANY BANNERS SIMILAR TO THOSE DISPLAYED AT THE MASS RALLY IN THE PLAZA DE ORIENTE IN DECEMBER, 1970, I. E., THEY WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE OPUS DEI, THE ENTIRE CABINET, THE CHURCH HIERARCHY, THE PRINCE AND INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS, OR THEY SUPPORTED THE ARMY AND FRANCO, AND WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY SHOUTS FAVORING GENERAL CARLOS INIESTA CARO, THE PRESENT DARLING OF THE ULTRA- RIGHT. SAMPLES OF SLOGANS WERE: " NI REPUBLICA, NI REY NI OPUS DEI," " TARANCON AL PAREDON" ( REFERRING TO MADRID' S CARDINAL), " EL EJERCITO AL PODER" AND " INIESTA AL PODER."

3. THE DEMONSTRATION' S PRINCIPAL LEADERS APPEARED TO BE NATIONAL COUNCILOR BLAS PINAR, A FANATICAL FORMER CATHOLIC ACTION EXTREMIST,  
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AND CORTES SECRETARY EZQUIEL PUIG MAESTRO- AMADO, AN OLD GUARD FALANGIST. AMONG OTHER PROMINENT FIGURES TAKING PART WERE FRANCO'S DOCTOR VICENTE GIL AND JOSE ANTONIO'S SISTER PILAR PRIMO DE RIVERA. A MAJOR EFFORT WAS MADE TO ATTRACT PARTICIPANTS, WITH LEAFLETS CIRCULATED IN MANY PARTS OF MADRID, AND INVITATIONS TO THE PRECEDING CATHOLIC MASS ISSUED BY SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRINTED IN THE PRESS. THE LARGE SAN FRANCISCO EL GRANDE CHURCH WAS FULL AND THE CROWD OVERFLOWED INTO THE ADJACENT PLAZA. ESTIMATES PUT THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BETWEEN SIX AND EIGHT THOUSAND, OR LESS THAN ONE-TENTH THE REPORTED SIZE OF THE 1970 PLAZA DE ORIENTE CROWD. NEITHER FRANCO NOR ANY GOVERNMENT MINISTER ATTENDED. MANY OFF- DUTY POLICEMEN REPORTEDLY PARTICIPATED.

4. THE FALANGISTS WERE SHARPLY DIVIDED IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE DEMONSTRATION. THE FORMER MEMBERS OF FALANGE YOUTH AND THE JOSE ANTONIO DOCTRINAL CIRCLES CALLED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE MASS BUT ISSUED STRONGLY WORDED CALLS FOR QUIET, APOLITICAL DIGNITY, WHILE DECRYING EXTREMISM AND DIVISIVENESS FROM ANY QUARTER. BOTH GROUPS LATER DENIED TAKING ANY PART IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS, AND ROUNDLY REPUDIATED USE OF FALANGE SYMBOLS. ON THE OTHER HAND, OLD GUARD FALANGISTS JOINED MEMBERS OF PINAR'S FUERZA NUEVA, GUARDIA DE FRANCO, GUERRILLEROS DE CRISTO REY AND THE BROTHERHOODS OF PROVISIONAL OFFICERS AND OF SERGEANTS IN INCITING EXTREMIST ANTICS. THE PROVISIONAL OFFICERS LATER ISSUED A CALL FOR STRONGER GOVERNMENT.

5. SEVERAL OBSERVERS, INCLUDING THE PRESS, NOTED THAT THE DEMONSTRATION WAS UNAUTHORIZED, AND THEREFORE ILLEGAL, AND THAT IT WAS LED BY A NATIONAL COUNCILOR, ( PINAR), APPOINTED BY DIRECT DESIGNATION OF THE CHIEF OF STATE. BOTH THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT ORGAN " ARriba " AND THE OPUS- TECHNOCRAT FACTION'S " NUEVO DIARIO " TOTALLY IGNORED BLATANT SEDITION WHICH CHARACTERIZED BOTH MAY 2 AND MAY 7 DEMONSTRATIONS AND WHICH WAS SEVERELY CRITICIZED IN OTHER MADRID AND PROVINCIAL DAILIES.

6. COMMENT: IN ONE SENSE, THE UNRESTRAINED FAR- RIGHT OUTBURSTS MAY ACTUALLY BE HELPFUL TO THE PRESENT CABINET, BY GIVING IT AN IMAGE OF PRUDENT MODERATION BETWEEN VIOLENT EXTREMES WHILE IT CONTINUES TO DO LITTLE OR NOTHING TO DEVELOP THE POLITICAL STRUCTURE ALONG MORE DEMOCRATIC LINES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SHOW OF STRENGTH ( FUNERAL CEREMONIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN SEVERAL PROVINCES) GIVES EVIDENCE OF A POLITICAL MOVEMENT ON THE EXTREME

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RIGHT POSSESSING CONSIDERABLE SIZE AND COHESION, CAPABLE OF GIVING PAUSE TO MAIN- STREAM ESTABLISHMENT FORCES WHO ARE ALREADY, AT BEST, RELUCTANT INNOVATORS.

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